

Highlights of Survey Results

Number of Commercial Orchards/Vineyards: The number of commercial apple orchards counted in the 2002 survey was 373, compared with 516 in the 1997 survey, a decrease of 28 percent. The number of commercial peach orchards totaled 273 in the 2002 survey, compared with 384 in the previous survey. A total of 163 commercial pear orchards were counted in 2002, compared with 211 in 1997. Commercial tart cherry orchards decreased by 31 percent, from 161 in 1997 to 111 in 2002. Commercial sweet cherry operations, at 116 in 2002, were down by 25 from the 155 counted in 1997. The number of commercial vineyards totaled 250 in 2002, compared with 292 in 1997. The number of commercial plum and prune orchards accounted for in the 2002 survey was 127, down 19 percent from 156 counted in the 1997 survey. Commercial nectarine orchards decreased 22 percent, from 174 in 1997 to 135 in 2002.

Trees in Commercial Orchards: Commercial tree numbers for apples increased 5 percent from 1997; commercial peach tree numbers decreased 31 percent; commercial pear tree numbers decreased 28 percent; the number of commercial tart cherry trees decreased 37 percent; the number of

commercial sweet cherry trees increased by 14 percent; the number of commercial plum and prune trees decreased 11 percent; and the number of commercial nectarine trees decreased 53 percent from 1997.

Age of Trees: Of the total trees accounted for on all commercial fruit tree operations, 13 percent were in the 1 to 3-year age group; 17 percent were in the 4 to 6-year age group; 49 percent were in the 7 to 21-year age group, and 21 percent were in the 22-year plus age group.

Acreage of Commercial Trees: The acreage for commercial fruit trees on all fruit tree farms in 2002 was 24,758. This is a 22 percent decline from the 31,740 acres counted in the 1997 fruit tree survey.

Acreage & Age of Commercial Vineyards: The acreage of commercial vineyards in 2002 was 11,019.9, compared with 11,462.0 in 1997, down 4 percent. Of the 11,019.9 acres of commercial grapes in all vineyards, 4 percent was in the 1 to 3-year age group; 2 percent was in the 4 to 6-year age group; and 94 percent was in the 7-year and older age group.

Pennsylvania: All Fruit (Commercial) - Number and Percent
Breakdown By Age Groups, 2002 ¹

Fruit	1999 - 2001 (1-3 Years)		1996 - 1998 (4-6 Years)		1981 - 1995 (7-21 Years)		1980 & Earlier (22 Years +)		Total All Ages	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Apples	372,768	13	486,529	17	1,330,890	48	624,252	22	2,814,439	100
Peaches	78,089	19	86,015	21	218,337	55	19,676	5	402,117	100
Pears	2,334	3	2,366	3	37,182	52	30,557	42	72,439	100
Tart Cherries	3,577	4	10,553	14	29,552	39	33,059	43	76,741	100
Sweet Cherries	2,921	15	3,458	18	10,358	55	2,221	12	18,958	100
Plums & Prunes	1,558	14	1,959	17	6,579	58	1,199	11	11,295	100
Nectarines	2,284	4	5,747	11	40,052	77	4,033	8	52,116	100
Total	463,531	13	596,627	17	1,672,950	49	714,997	21	3,448,105	100
Grapes	407.3	4	276.1	2	10,336.5	94	-	-	11,019.9	100

¹ Number of acres for grapes, number of trees for all other fruits.

